

Remarks

Entry of the amendment entry is respectfully requested. No new matter has been added.

Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Application Status

Claims 2-13, 15-16, 18, 20-24, 26-32, and 34 are pending. Claims 6-7, 9-13, 15, 20-24, 26-32, and 34 were indicated allowable if rewritten in an independent form. Claims 12, 15, 20, 26, and 34 have been made independent. Thus, Applicants respectfully submit that claims 12-13, 15, 18, 20-24, 26-32, and 34 are now allowable and need not be further discussed.

Claims 1-5, 8, 14, 16-19, 25, and 33 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Wiedmann (US 4,399,755). However, claims 1, 14, 17, 19, 25, and 33 were canceled, and claim 18 depends from claim 20. Thus, claims 2-5, 8, and 16 are the only remaining rejected claims.

Claim Status

Claims canceled: 1, 14, 17, 19, 25, and 33

Claims pending: 2-13, 15-16, 18, 20-24, 26-32, and 34

Pending claims now allowable: 12-13, 15, 18, 20-24, 26-32, and 34

Pending claims objected to: 6-7 and 9-11

Pending claims rejected: 2-5, 8, and 16

The Claim Rejections

Independent claim 2

Wiedmann does not teach placing respective vertically extending frame members in operative connection with respective vertically extending exterior housing surfaces of an

automated banking machine, especially where the exterior housing surfaces are opposite housing surfaces. Wiedmann provides no teaching of frame members on opposite housing surfaces.

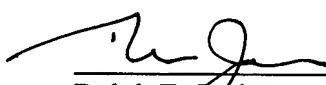
The Action is silent as to what constitutes the *opposite* housing surfaces in Wiedmann. Nevertheless, the features of Wiedmann's ATM (28) appear to all be on a *same* single side. Thus, even if it were somehow possible (which it isn't) for Wiedmann to somehow teach the recited frame members, it appears that they would also have to be located on the *same* side.

It follows that Wiedmann further cannot teach placing a panel in supporting connection with a frame member in the manner recited. Nor does the Action explain how a panel could even be placed on Wiedmann's ATM (28), especially in light of the compact nature of Wiedmann's arrangement (e.g., col. 3, lines 15-17; and col. 2, lines 24-26). Nor does the Action explain what reasonable purpose an ATM panel would serve in the arrangement of Wiedmann. For these many reasons, Applicants respectfully submit that Wiedmann does not anticipate the claims.

Conclusion

Applicants respectfully submit that this application is in condition for allowance. The undersigned is willing to discuss any aspect of the Application by phone.

Respectfully submitted,



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